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1. On 18 May 1950, 22 students and 10 Franciscan priests were arrested in Shkoder. Viktor Volac, brother of the Bishop*, was executed.

2. It is being rumored that the reason for these arrests is the discovery of anti-Government activity in collaboration with the Demo-Christian organization (sic).** Two Catholic women were reportedly arrested for distributing propaganda leaflets for that organization.

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[redacted] Comment: Presumably the Bishop of Shkoder is meant.

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[redacted] Comment: Since we have received no previous references to the existence of a Demo-Christian organization in Albania, this might possibly refer to anti-Government activity in collaboration with the Demo-Christian Party in Italy. Attempts are being made to clarify this point.

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